

Back to basics in 2012

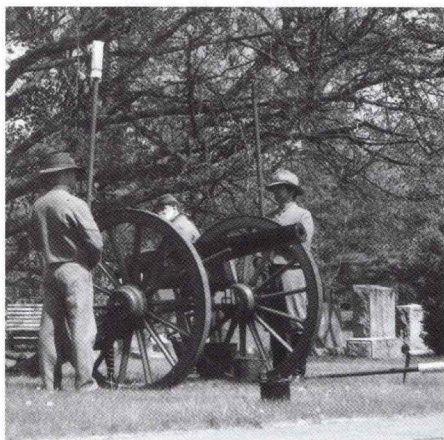
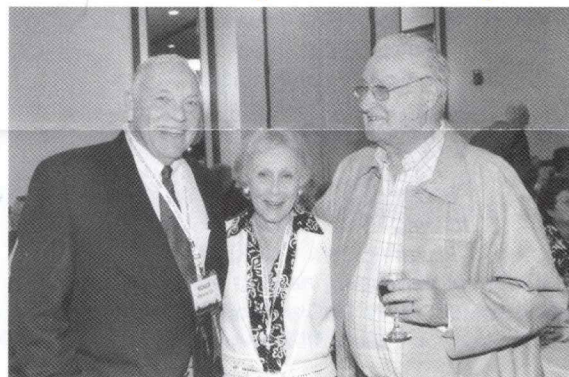
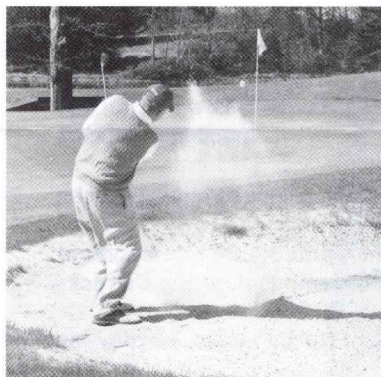
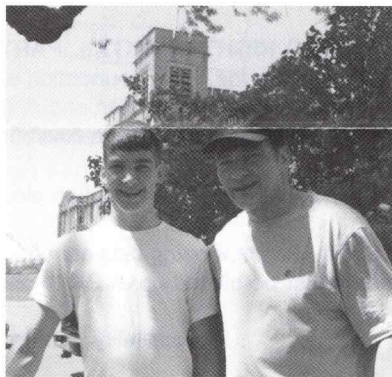
The 2011 AMA Reunion had many moving parts - people jumping out of airplanes, the Roller Rifles last march, a speech by the Secretary of the Army, the presentation of a portrait of a fallen hero. A wonderful event it was!



But all were exhausted at the end of the weekend and so many said, "I didn't have time to spend with my friends."

So this year, it is **BACK TO BASICS!**

On its 150th anniversary, the Civil War will be the overarching theme of the weekend. We'll have our Thursday night reception but it will be a cocktail party only since most go to dinner afterwards. There will be golf Friday morning and the annual motor coach tour, this year to the Civil War battlefields at New Market and Piedmont. Friday's Award Banquet will be a streamlined affair. Founder's Day on Saturday will feature an actor in period costume re-living Professor Roller's experiences in and after the war. Saturday's lunch in the gym will hear Dr. Mary DeCredico describe the Valley during the war and have a salute to the late Charlie Hillsman, '71, who organized Confederate reenactors. Speaking of Civil War reenactors, they will have a campout Saturday on campus where those interested can see how the men in gray lived 150 years ago. The Sporting Clay Shoot is back on the schedule Saturday afternoon and Casino Night will be back. The Sunday Fellowship Breakfast will be in memory of Coach Ralph. At noon Sunday, the Roller Riders leave on their annual post-reunion bike trip.



Take part in as many activities as you like and spend time with your old friends while you make some new ones! Time marches on and none of us is getting any younger. Come back to the place you love and spend time with the people you love! **TIME** is the key word and it's **TIME** for **YOU** to come back to AMA!

Tentative schedule, 2012 Augusta Military Academy Reunion

THURSDAY 19 APRIL

- 1000 Alumni House/Museum open
PX open at the museum
- 1200 - 1600 Early bird registration
Hospitality Room and PX open, Holiday Inn
- 1200 Casual golf tee times
INGLESIDE Golf Club
- 1700 Early arrival cocktails
Attire: Business casual
The CLUB AT IRONWOOD
(formerly the STAUNTON Country Club)

FRIDAY 20 APRIL

- 0800 - 1730 Registration, Holiday Inn
- All day Tower of Power
- 0800 Golfers register,
INGLESIDE Country Club
- 0900 AMA Open Golf Tournament
INGLESIDE Country Club
Contact: Paul Poluito, '73,
cpp2q@virginia.edu or
Mickey Toms, '67, cmtoms@earthlink.net
- 0900 Visit to Civil War Battlefields
at Piedmont and New Market
Historical tour and luncheon
Meet in parking lot nearest the PX
Tour guide Dr. Mary DeCredico, USNA
Hosted by Bev and Frank Williamson, '60
- 0900 - 1830 PX open, Hospitality Tent open
Silent Auction begins, Holiday Inn
- 1000 - 1700 Alumni House/Museum open
- 1530 - 1730 Hospitality Tent open
- 1600 Civil War tour returns
- 1700 AMA Museum closes
- 1730 . Hospitality Tent, Registration closes
- 1800 . Reception, Banquet Room Hallway,
Holiday Inn - Bar open 1800 - 1900
Reopens after all seated for dinner
- 1900 AMA Awards Banquet
Holiday Inn Ballrooms - Attire: Coat and tie
AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals
- 1900 Hospitality Tent reopens

SATURDAY 21 APRIL

Attire all day: Casual



- 0730 Ham and sausage biscuits, juice
and coffee served outside the
Annual Membership Meeting Room
Jefferson Room, Holiday Inn
- 0730 - 0800 Final registration
outside meeting room
- 0830 Annual membership meeting
Election of directors
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors
Election of officers
- 0900 - 1100 . Alumni House/Museum open
- All day Confederate encampment
on the campus near Big Barracks
- 0900 . .PX, Silent Auction open, Holiday Inn
- 1100 Founder's Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery honoring
Professor Charles S. Roller, Jr
and his Civil War service
Keene Byrd, '59, will portray the Professor
Master of Ceremonies: Luke Snyder, '60
- Confederate Reenactor Alumni Color Guard
Confederate Reenactor Honor Guard
- Alumni who have passed on since
Reunion 2011 will be remembered
- Taps by Bud Oakey, '70
- Cannon response by Cummings Battery,
Cape Fear Light Artillery
Commanded by Captain John Butler
- 1215 Soupy sounds, Bud Oakey, '70
- Lunch in AMA Gymnasium
Master of Ceremonies: Jorge Rovirosa, '70

Presentation of the Colors:
Confederate Reenactor Color Guard

Dr. Mary DeCredico: Civil War in the Valley

Nicky Syropoulos, '69: Tribute to
Charlie Hillsman, '71

White Table and Flag Ceremony

Taps: Bud Oakey, '70

Following lunch, proceed directly to the
Parade Ground for performance
by Confederate reenactors

- 1500 Sporting Clay Shoot
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg
Contact: Blaine.Clarke, '72 at:
Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net
- 1600 Hospitality Tent open until 1730
- 1800 Open bar, Holiday Inn hallway
All proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation
- 1900 . CASINO NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY,
a FUNdraiser for the AMA Foundation with
heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

- 2030 Silent Auction closes
- 2100 . Silent Auction winning bids announced
Items must be picked up at PX by 2200
- 2130 Hospitality Tent open

SUNDAY 22 APRIL

- 0900 Alumni Fellowship Buffet
honoring Coach Bill Ralph
Cafe on the Green, Holiday Inn
- 1000 - 1600 . . Alumni House/Museum open
- 1200 . . Roller Riders depart from campus

NASCAR
fans!

Be sure to watch for the next
Bayonet and a special
Reunion 2012 prize which will
get you pit and garage passes to
any of 20 NASCAR events in
2012!
A VERY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!

150th anniversary of Civil War is reunion theme

The aftermath of the American Civil War was the genesis of AMA as Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr. came back from four years of service in the Confederate Army to begin teaching soldiers who had missed four years of school. His initial efforts eventually led to the Augusta Military Academy that we all revere.

The next four years will mark significant 150th anniversaries of Civil War battles, many of which were fought in Virginia and one which was fought just a cannon shot from the present day AMA campus.

The Friday motor coach tour will take riders to the Battlefields of Piedmont and New Market. Our expert guide will be Dr. Mary DeCredico, Professor of History at the US Naval Academy, an expert on the Civil War. She will explain the significance of the Piedmont Battle near AMA which gave the Union Army control of the upper Shenandoah Valley, sealing the fate of Lee's Army before Richmond. (The first Bayonet of 2012 will have a story about the battle).



HOSTESS AND GUIDE - Bev Williamson (Mrs. Frank '60), left, will be the hostess on the motor coach tour and Dr. Mary DeCredico from the US Naval Academy, right, will guide the tours of the Piedmont and New Market Battlefields.



PLAYING PROFESSOR ROLLER - Keene Byrd, '59, will portray AMA's founder at Founder's Day ceremonies on Saturday 21 April in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery.

Then, the motor coach will travel on to New Market where the VMI cadets helped win one of the last Confederate victories of the War. Lunch will be included on the Friday tour. Sign up on the blue registration form!

On Saturday at Founder's Day in the Stone Church Cemetery, Thespian Keene Byrd, '59, will portray Professor Roller as he tells of Roller's experiences before, during and after the War.



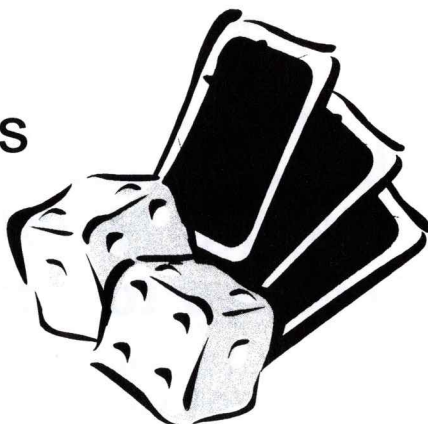
ENCAMPMENT - Mark Femrite, '71, left, and Nicky Syropoulos, '69, right are shown at a Confederate encampment with guest Steve Traylor, '72. Mark and Nicky will be key players in the encampment on our campus during Reunion 2012.

6th BIG YEAR

CASINO NIGHT

AND COCKTAIL PARTY

with hors d'oeuvres and
U. S. GREENBACKS as prizes
**ROULETTE! TEXAS HOLD'EM!
BLACK JACK! CRAPS!**



SINK A PUTT AND WIN \$10,000*

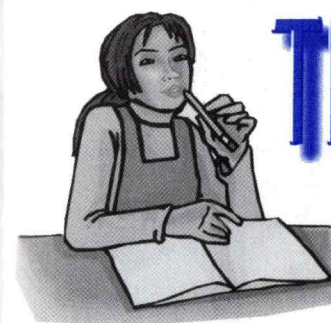
* \$5,000 FOR YOU AND \$5,000 FOR AMA!

SATURDAY 21 APRIL 7 PM

A grand time has been had by all at the last five reunions at Casino Night. You can win some big bucks for yourself while helping AMA at the same time. It is a FUNdraising event with the accent on FUN!

You will NOT be playing against the house!

Come early! Win BIG!



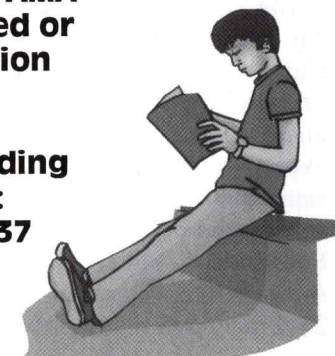
Three AMA Legacy Scholarships each worth \$2,000

will be awarded at Reunion 2012 to the direct descendants of AMA Alumni!

Students 25 years old or younger who are the direct descendants of AMA alumni (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren (natural, adopted or step)) may apply for an AMA Legacy Scholarship to attend an institution of learning above the high school level.

Applications can be obtained on line at www.AMAAlumni.org, by sending an e-mail to: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net, or by writing to: Scholarships, AMA Alumni House, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 1 MARCH 2012!



Go golfing on Friday!

Sign up to play in the AMA Open on Friday 20 April! A 4- person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Everyone welcome! Men, ladies, teens! Every player's tee shot used twice. Lowest score wins!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and last place plus Closest to the Pin and Longest drive. Drawing for Mulligan prizes: \$10 per Mulligan, limit two.

Fees: \$100 per person includes 18 holes, green fees, cart rental, box lunch, refreshments, Goody Bag, two Mulligans and donation to the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Where?
INGLESIDE COUNTRY CLUB
When?
0800 on Friday 20 April

Sign up on the **BLUE** registration form. Remember also that we are looking for things to put in the Goody Bags. Can you help? Balls, tees, caps, towels or even CASH!

Contact **Mickey Toms, '67:**
cmtoms@earthlink.com
OR
Paul Poluito, '73:
cpp2q@virginia.edu

Clay shoot back on

The Sporting Clay Shoot is back on the reunion schedule this year. It will take place **SATURDAY 21 APRIL AT 1500** near Harrisonburg at the Flying Rabbit where the shoot has been held before.

You can bring your own weapon or the Flying Rabbit will provide one for you. All are invited to participate - **Men, ladies, teens!** Prizes will be awarded.

If you want to shoot, get in touch with Blaine Clarke at 301/540-6455 or at Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net.

The Tower of Power

With thanks to **Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**, the Tower of Power will be back at Reunion 2012.

You will be able to win bottles of Virginia Gentleman on both Friday and Saturday during the reunion. Tickets will be on sale at the Registration Desk and at other venues at the reunion. Drawings will take place on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Be on the lookout for ticket sales-people. They will be on the lookout for you! Buy lots of tickets to increase your chance of winning and support the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Need help to make the Silent Auction a big success

We have round trip domestic air tickets for two, a stay in a North Carolina mountain retreat, a Kindle and some other good things for the Silent Auction **but not nearly enough to make this year's auction a big success!**

The auction always has been a unique opportunity to get some good "stuff" while helping AMA at the same time. Do you have something to put in the auction? You can take a tax deduction for your contribution of items to be sold in the Silent Auction.

Please contact **Dave Conrad, '59**, at gramof9@localnet.com or call **Jerry Arnold, '66**, at 518/466-5780.

Last year, the auction raised \$5,300 and in the top year we raised \$7,000. **WE DO NEED YOUR HELP!**

No Sports Hall of Fame

There will be no new names added to the Sports Hall of Fame at this reunion. The program will be back at Reunion 2013, so be thinking about who you would like to nominate for AMA's highest athletic commendation.



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- Ad Astra Per Aspera -

Non-Profit Organization
Postage and Fees Paid
Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Foundation

Register early for Reunion 2012 and save!

Casino Night Sponsors needed to have success

This is our annual appeal to alumni and friends of AMA to support our biggest money maker at the reunion – Casino Night!

Help make this Casino Night the outstanding success it has been these past few years.

Sponsor a full table for \$400 or a half table for \$200! Have your company sponsor a table (as Safeway does) or fund it yourself as so many of your fellow alumni have done in the past few years.

Your name or the name of your company will be on the table you sponsor and the MC will mention it several times during the evening. Your name or your company's name will be in the program and in *The Bayonet*.

You can do this with a tax deductible contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation earmarked for Casino Night sponsorship. Or as a business expense to your company.

Get in touch with us at 540/248-3007 or at AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net.

Check, VISA, American Express, MasterCard or Discover.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

"The Ladies of AMA" can use your help at Reunion 2012. Under the inspired leadership of **Becky (Mrs. Garry, '71) Granger**, a cadre of dedicated wives and significant others helped in so many ways at last year's reunion including **Kiki (Mrs. Jorge, '70) Rovirosa**, **Bev (Mrs. Frank, '60) Williamson**, **Ida (Mrs. Frank, '49) Spencer**, **Anne (Mrs. Luke, '60) Snyder**, **Joyce (Mrs. Ben, '60) Zinkhan** and others. Will you help this year?

Convenient hotels for Reunion 2012

Make your reservations early for Reunion 2012. April is a busy time in the Valley and you need to get your reservation made early. The Alumni Association does **NOT** make hotel reservations!

Reunion Headquarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center

Exit 225 off I-81, 152 Fairway Lane, Staunton
540/248-6020 – \$89.99 per night plus tax

Best Western
Exit 222 off I-81
4 miles from Holiday Inn
92 Rowe Road
Staunton
540/885-1112
\$79.99 per night plus tax

Sleep Inn
Exit 222 off I-81
222 Jefferson Highway
Staunton
4 miles from Holiday Inn
\$79.99 per night plus tax

Quality Inn
Exit 225 off I-81
Across from Holiday Inn
96 Baker Road
Staunton
540/248-5111
\$61 per night plus tax

Hampton Inn
Exit 91 off I-64
15 Four Square Lane
Fishersville
9 miles from Holiday Inn
540/213-9500
\$102 per night plus tax

Hampton Inn
Exit 220 off I-81
40 Payne Lane
Staunton
5 miles from Holiday Inn
\$109 per night plus tax

Residence Inn
by Marriott
Exit 94 off I-64
44 Windgrove Drive
Waynesboro
12 miles from Holiday Inn
\$109 per night plus tax

There's no time like NOW to send in your blue registration form. Join your old and new friends at the 2012 Augusta Military Academy Alumni Reunion!